GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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DRUG PRICES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the medicines tagged under price control as per the existing drug policy;

(b) the authority exercising control over the price of drugs;

(c) whether the multinational companies are being favoured to Indian companies while exercising control over the price of drugs;

(d) whether the Government have received complaints in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details of the last three years alongwith the action taken by the Government in this regard.

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a) to (e) : Drugs have been identified for inclusion under price control on the basis of criteria mentioned in the `Modifications in Drug Policy,1986` announced in September,1994. Presently, 74 bulk drugs and formulations based thereon are under price control and their prices are fixed/revised by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) in accordance with the provisions of theDrugs (Prices Control) Order,1995. Prices notified/fixed by the Government are applicable to manufacturers irrespective of whether the company is Indian or multi-national.